



Sons of the American Revolution

The Delaware Crossing Patriot Kansas Society

Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

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Upcoming DX Meeting

Program: *The Battles of Saratoga by Compatriot Jack Brooks*
When: Saturday, January 17, 2009, 9:00 AM.
Where: Holiday Inn, Overland Park, 87th Street & Highway 69.
Reservations & Cost: Members, wives and guests of the SAR are invited to attend. For reservations, please call the Amos Family Funeral Home at 913-631-5566 or email Richard Cox at reservations@dxsar.com before 3:00 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 10. Cost is \$12.00 with a reservation, \$13.00 at the door, which includes a sumptuous, all you can eat, breakfast buffet.

A PATRIOTIC CITY

On December 22, 2008 at the City of Merriam City Council Meeting, I had the pleasure of presenting certificates of commendation for the exemplary displaying of our US Flag. The certificates were presented to the Merriam Parks, Recreation and Community Center Foundation; Mr. Lanny Bachtle, Project Chair for Flags of Freedom. Flags for Freedom is the display of flags in the cities of Merriam and Shawnee during the week of Independence Day; this past year it was 4000 flags.

Ms. Carol Eubank, President of the Merriam Parks, Recreation and Community Center Foundation, was first presented a certificate for the Foundation which is the official sponsor of Fields for Freedom with the permission of Colonial Flags Foundation.

Then Mr. Lanny Bachtle was presented a certificate. As we shook hands at the end of the presentation, the audience and City Council rose as one in applause for the two recipients.



Dewey Fry presenting a certificate of commendation to Mayor Carl Wilkes of Merriam, Kansas.

As the City of Merriam flies two US Flags at the City Hall and is host to the Fields of Freedom, I presented a certificate to the City of Merriam, represented by Mayor Carl Wilkes. He then explained the initiation of the beautiful display of thousands of our flags was at the strong recommendation of Councilman Chad Rowe. Although the City is not the official sponsor, they loaned money to the Foundation for the initial purchase of flags three years ago and they provide facilities in which the flags, staffs and standards are housed.

It appears, the Sons of the American Revolution is the first organization to recognize the effort, patriotism and pride the businessmen, citizens and government of Merriam and Shawnee have exhibited in presenting this display of our flag. There was deep

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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Jan 17 Monthly Chapter Meeting 9AM
Feb 14 Monthly Chapter Meeting 9AM
Feb 21 George Washington's Birthday Party

LOOKING FORWARD TO JANUARY

The Battles of Saratoga—Turning Point of the American Revolution.

Compatriot Jack Brooks will address our chapter on the battles of Saratoga. Jack's boyhood home is only 15 miles from the battlefield and he has visited there many times.

Few battles in world history have had a stronger climax than Saratoga and probably none has had more far reaching consequences. The American victory brought to the cause of the hard-pressed colonists the assistance of France, Spain, and Holland, thereby greatly increasing the probability of eventually winning independence. Abroad, the battles served immeasurably to increase the military prestige of American armies while at home they greatly strengthened the fighting morale and discouraged loyalist opposition.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January is the perfect time to make plans for the New Year, and 2009 has many opportunities for those that enjoy their Patriots and History of the American Revolution. Consider a trip to the area where your Patriot fought, provided Public Service or lived during the American Revolution. Combine Sons of the American Revolution Events with your family history trips. The following are some fun events for 2009.

- Battle of Cowpens in Spartanburg, South Carolina Jan 17th
- Battle of Kettle Creek in Washington, Georgia Feb 14th

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- George Washington Birthday Party in Overland Park, Kansas Feb 21st
- NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky March 5-7th
- 117th KSSAR Annual Conference in Topeka, Kansas March 20-21st
- 119th NSSAR National Congress in Atlanta, Georgia July 4-8th
- Delaware Crossing Chapter Annual Picnic Sep 19th
- NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky Sep 24-26th

The events are also a great opportunity to wear Color Guard uniforms and period clothing. Most of the events have information posted on the NSSAR Website with more National Events to be listed.

Every NSSAR member should tour Washington DC at some time in their life to see our Nation's History. I know one Delaware Crossing Chapter member will be attending the United States Presidential Inauguration on January 20th. Rumor is that the Bible used by President Lincoln will be used during the ceremony and a second rumor is that President-elect Barack Obama has a Patriot Ancestor.

Please consider planning your vacation trips around history and attend some of the Sons of the American Revolution Events at the same time. I have already made a couple of hotel reservations and working on my plan for 2009. I hope to see you at our Monthly Chapter Meetings and NSSAR Events.

Bob Capps, President

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Appreciation expressed by many.

In an email to me, Councilman Chad Rowe wrote the following, "Quinn and Heidi Bennion (Quinn was our former City Administrator and is now the City Administrator in Prairie Village) were actually the first ones to become acquainted with the *Healing Field* flag displays, etc. I saw the booth at the National League of Cities Convention with Quinn and went to a meeting to hear their presentation and brought materials back for us to pursue. I wanted us to be the first in Kansas to have the *Healing Field* and we were. Thanks to you and your group for all that you do. I appreciated your presentation last night at the meeting. Chad Rowe".

Ms Carol Eubank wrote, "It was a pleasure to meet you and your wife and learn about the good works that the Sons of the American Revolution does. Thank you for recognizing the Foundation for its support of Fields for Freedom...".

An article about the Merriam City Council Meeting was in the *Neighborhood* Section of the Kansas City Star on Dec 23. Within the article was a couple short paragraphs about the presentation.

Dewey Fry



MEMBER MEETING DRAWING

The January Breakfast Meeting Drawing will be a Complimentary Overnight Stay in a Standard Guestroom at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites at 8787 Reeder Road in Overland Park, Kansas. Kes has secured several services for the January Drawing; a large Old Chicago Pizza, a \$10 certificate for Applebee's at 6800 Johnson Drive in Mission, Kansas, and eight Golden Apple Club Cards for a 10% discount.

The February Drawing will include another Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites complimentary overnight stay. The March Drawing will include a Retired King & Country American Revolution Toy Soldier; 1st New York Regiment Officer Firing Pistol (AR036) donated by President Bob Capps.

The donations provide exciting Chapter Breakfast Meeting Drawings. Please consider a donation to a future Chapter Breakfast Meeting Drawing.

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